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WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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FINAL AGENDA (*REVISED*)

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DATE: **March 14, 2001**
TIME: **9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**
LOCATION: AmeriTel Inn
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- 9:00 a.m.**
- 1. Call to Order****
 - 2. Approval of Agenda – ACTION**
 - 3. January Minutes – ADOPTION**
- 9:15 a.m.**
- 4. Board Priority Health Issue: Children's Health and Well Being – Children's Check-Up Update**
 - *Doreen Garcia, State Board of Health Staff*
 - *Vickie Ybarra, RN, MPH, State Board of Health Member*
 - *Alonzo Plough, PhD, MPH, Public Health Seattle & King County Director and Health Officer*
 - *Roxie Schalliol, Department of Social and Health Services, Special Assistant to the Secretary*
 - *Marcia Riggers, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of Learning and Teaching Support*

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- *Bill Hagens, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner for Health Policy*
 - *Jac Davies, Department of Health, Assistant Secretary for Epidemiology, Center for Health Statistics & Public Health Lab*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

10:15 a.m. 5. Board Priority Health Issue: Children's Health and Well Being – CR-101 Intent to Modify Rules

- *Doreen Garcia, State Board of Health Staff*
- *Vickie Ybarra, RN, MPH, State Board of Health Member*
 - a) WAC 246-680: Prenatal Screening Rules/CR-101
- Board Discussion and Possible Action
 - b) WAC 246-650: Newborn Screening Rules/CR-101
- Board Discussion and Possible Action
 - c) WAC 246-760: Visual and Auditory Rules
- Board Discussion with No Expected Action
 - d) WAC 246-762: Scoliosis Rules/RCW 28A210.220
- Board Discussion and Possible Action
 - e) WAC 246-491: Vital Statistics Rules/CR-101
- Board Discussion and Possible Action

10:45 a.m. 6. HIV Counseling and Testing Standards, WAC 246-100 CR-101 Intent to Modify Rules

- *Don Sloma, State Board of Health Executive Director*
 - *Tom Locke, MD, MPH, State Board of Health Member*
 - *John Peppert, Department of Health*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

11:00 a.m. 7. Overview: The Washington Department of Ecology's Proposed Strategy on Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic Chemicals

- *Janice Englehart, State Board of Health Staff*
- *Carl Osaki, RS, MSPH, State Board of Health Member*
- *Bill Backous, Department of Ecology*
- *Harriet Ammann, Department of Health*

11:45 a.m. – LUNCH –

1:15 p.m. 8. Update on the Public Health Effects from Wireless Telephones and Telecommunication Facilities

- *Janice Englehart, State Board of Health Staff*
 - *Patti Waller, Department of Health*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**

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- 1:40 p.m. 9. Update on Food Safety in Adult Family Homes**
- *Janice Englehart, State Board of Health Staff*
 - *Carl Osaki, RS, MSPH, State Board of Health*
 - *Dave Gifford, Department of Health*
- 1:50 p.m. 10. Board Priority Health Issue: Public Health Systems Improvement – Critical Services Measurement**
- *Don Sloma, State Board of Health Executive Director*
 - *Tom Locke, MD, MPH, State Board of Health Member*
 - *Barbara Mauer, MCPP Health Care Consulting*
- 2:10 p.m. 11. SBOH Legislative Update**
- *Craig McLaughlin, State Board of Health Staff*
- 2:30 p.m. 12. Department of Health (DOH) Update and DOH Legislative Update**
- *Mary Selecky, Department of Health Secretary*
 - *Patty Hayes, Department of Health, Policy, Legislative, and Constituent Relations*
- 3:00 p.m. 13. SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**
- *Don Sloma, State Board of Health Executive Director*
- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- Policy Statements:*
- a) **Policy #002:** *Payment by the Washington State Board of Health for Conference Sponsorships, Conference Registrations, Related Travel Expenses and Professional Association Memberships for Board Members and Staff*
 - b) **Policy #003:** *Travel and Transportation*
 - c) **Policy #004:** *Letters of Support*
- Other Business:*
- a) *FYI*
 - b) *Additional Expenditures*
 - c) *Introduction of new Attorney General representative Melissa Burke-Cain*
- 3:30 p.m. 14. Open Period to Take Public Testimony on Any Health Issue**
- 4:30 p.m. 15. Adjournment**

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FYI

As of: March 7, 2001

Addressed to Board

Letter from Jim Patterson, CEO, Five Star Environmental Systems, Inc. to Bill White, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Health Programs, Department of Health

Source: Jim Patterson, CEO, Five Star Environmental Systems, Inc.

Regarding his concerns about the administration of DOH's on-site sewage program.

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Correspondence from the Board

Letter to Jim Patterson, CEO, Five Star Environmental Systems, Inc.

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

Response to Mr. Patterson regarding his concerns about the administration of DOH's on-site sewage program.

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Memo to Secretary Dennis Braddock, Department of Social and Health Services

Source: Washington State Board of Health, March 7, 2001

Regarding Graduate Medical Education (GME) Policy Options

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letter to The Honorable Carolyn Edmonds Regarding House Bill 1320 and Senate Bill 5521

Source: Washington State Board of Health, February 2001

Response to Ms. Edmonds' assistance in resolving SBOH concerns with Section 17 of bills 1320 and 5521.

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letter to Department of Health Secretary Mary Selecky Regarding David Fichtenberg

Source: Washington State Board of Health, March 2001

Response to Mr. David Fichtenberg's statements during the November 8, 2000 Board meeting related to the public health effects from the use of wireless telephones and from wireless telecommunication facilities.

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the Senate Agriculture and International Trade Committee Regarding Senate Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

SB 5675 – Food Service Regulation

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Letters to the Senate Education Committee Regarding Senate Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

SB 5533 – Posting and Notification of pesticide Applications at Schools

SB 5534 – Persons Applying Pesticides at Schools

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee Regarding Senate Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

SB 5039 – Reply to Senator Pat Thibaudeau regarding Endorsement of School Sealant
Endorsed Dental Hygienists

SB 5039 – Endorsement of School Sealant Endorsed Dental Hygienists

SB 5173 – Inspection Scoring System for Foods Service Establishments

SB 5211 – Comparable Mental Health Benefits

SB 5222 – Requiring Registration of a School Health Aide

SB 5271 – Insurance Coverage for Certain Mental Illnesses

SB 5296 – Regulation of Tobacco Products Under the Access to Minors Statutes

SB 5360 – Obtaining and Expending Funds for the Public Health System

SB 5363 – Providing State Medical Assistance Reimbursements for Hospitals That Meet Criteria

SB 5478 – Lead-Based Paint

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the Senate Higher Education Committee Regarding Senate Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

SB 5819 – College Awareness Project

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee Regarding Senate Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

SB 5207 – Individually Identifying DNA Testing Information

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the House Agriculture and Ecology Committee Regarding House Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

HB 1451 – Pesticide Use in Schools

HB 1533 – Food Service Regulation

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the House Health Care Committee Regarding House Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

HB 1058 – Medical Assistance for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment for Low-Income Women

HB 1080 – Comparable Mental Health Benefits

HB 1083 – Requiring Registration of a School Health Aide

HB 1162 – Providing State Medical Assistance Reimbursements for Hospitals That Meet Criteria

HB 1180 – Obtaining and Expending Funds for the Public Health System

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HB 1328 – Requiring Registration of a School Health Aide

HB 1652 – Development of Prescription Drug Education

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to the House Higher Education Committee Regarding House Bills

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

HB 1755 – College Awareness Project

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letter to the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

Letters to Secretary Mary Selecky, Secretary Dennis Braddock, and Superintendent Terry Bergeson Regarding Children's Health and Well Being

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January-February 2001

For more information, contact Heather Boe, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4104 or by email at heather.boe@doh.wa.gov.

General Interest

Call for Proposals: State Coverage Initiatives 2001

Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Adult Services Administration

For more information contact Vickie Gates at (202) 292-6700 or fax (202) 292-6800 or visit their website at www.statecoverage.net

Washington State Medicare-Medicaid Dually Eligible Data Book

Source: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

For more information contact Ken Cameron, MMIP Team Leader, at (360) 725-2571 or via email at camerkj@dshs.wa.gov

Health Basics, 2000 Annual Report – The Washington Health Foundation

Source: Washington State Board of Health, February 7, 2001

For more information, see the Board website at

http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/HealthDisparities/HHC_Presentation.htm or contact Heather Boe at (360) 236-4104.

Activities and Recommendations; An Independent Voice for Families and Children, 2000 Annual Report – The Office of the Family & Children's Ombudsman

Source: Washington State Board of Health, February 2, 2001

For more information, see the Board website at

http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/HealthDisparities/HHC_Presentation.htm or contact Heather Boe at (360) 236-4104.

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Joe Finkbonner Presents Health Disparities Work to House Health Care Committee on January 18, 2001

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January 18, 2001

Memo to Committee Members; PowerPoint Presentation; Pipelines – Caucasian Healthcare Workforce Academic Pipeline in Washington State and Minority Healthcare Workforce Academic Pipeline in Washington State; Sources used in the Documents on Health Disparities; Health Disparities Workplan – Full Report; Health Disparities Workplan – Executive Summary; and the Academic Recruitment and Retention Programs for Health Care Careers, Washington State Schools (K-20).

For more information, see the Board website at

http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/HealthDisparities/HHC_Presentation.htm or contact Heather Boe at (360) 236-4104.

Linda Lake Presents “A New Public Health Vision for a New Century to the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee on January 15, 2001

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January 15, 2001

PowerPoint Presentation

For more information, see the Board website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/> or contact Heather Boe at (360) 236-4104.

Board Co-Sponsors Conference on Genetics “Learning to Live with the Human Genome: Well Reasoned Prudence or Future Shock?”

Source: Washington State Board of Health, January 5, 2001

Conference Agenda ● Introduction and Welcoming Remarks ● Linda Lake’s Opening Remarks ● Session Descriptions – Genetic Discrimination; Research, Public Health, and Privacy; Human Tissue or Intellectual Property?; Computers/Technology; Genetics and Medicine: Privacy and the Duty to Disclose; Primary Prevention or Eugenics? ● Lunch Panel Discussion ● Closing Remarks ● Moderators and Panelists

For more information, see the Board website at

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/GeneticsConference/Genetics.htm> or contact Heather Boe at (360) 236-4104.

Medication Errors Report and Recommendations

Source: Washington State Department of Health, December 2000

This report indicates those measures that would require legislative action in the future as well as other activities that can be undertaken regarding medication errors.

For more information, contact the Office of the Secretary at (360) 236-4030.

Emergency Biologics 2001

Source: Washington State Department of Health, January 2001

This report was originally published at the request of local health departments and other health care providers who had difficulty finding and/or planning their purchases of these biologics.

For more information, contact the, Office of Epidemiology, Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section, and (206) 361-2914

Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Cumulative Report, 1993-1997

Source: Washington State Department of Health, December 2000

This report summarizes five years of data on the characteristics and public health consequences of hazardous substances releases in Washington State.

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For more information, contact Carolyn Comeau, Office of Environmental Health & Safety at (360) 236-3387 or by email at carolyn.comeau@doh.wa.gov or Lucy Harter, Office of Environmental Health & Safety at (360) 236-3364 or by email at lucy.harter@doh.wa.gov.

Rural Health Care is in Danger – Rural Health Viability Grant

Source: Washington Health Foundation, January 2001

The goals of the rural health viability grant program are three-fold: to preserve access to local health services in rural areas by providing short-term support to vulnerable rural hospitals, providers, and communities across the state; to provide incentives for the development of long-term sustainable approaches in the future; and to provide support for collaborative approaches that sustain access to quality health care. Deadline: March 15, 2001 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Lorna Stone, Director, Rural Health, Washington Health Foundation, at (206) 216-2893 or by email at lornas@whf.org.

Racial Discrimination in Health Care Interview Project

Source: Public Health Seattle & King County, January 2001

A number of recent studies have documented disparities in specific health services provided to African Americans and have raised the question of whether these disparities might have been due to racial/ethnic discrimination in health care settings. This report address that question.

For more information, contact Public Health Seattle & King County, at (206) 296-4600.

Newsletters and Periodicals

Public Health Special: Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in Health Care Settings

Source: Public Health – Seattle & King County, January 2001

In this Issue:

Discrimination in King County; The Racial Discrimination in Health Care Interview Project; Conclusion and Recommendations to Eliminate Discrimination in Health Care Settings; and Resources for Persons Who Believe They Have Been Treated Unfairly or Improperly in Health Care Settings.

For more information, contact PHSKC at (206) 296-6817 or on the website at

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/phnr/eapd/reports/pubindex.htm>.

WSMA Reports

Source: Washington State Medical Association, January 2001

In this Issue:

Newsclips – Concerned about youth violence? New resources available; Who is your physician?; CDC urges physicians to talk to teenagers about sex; Toll-free number for stop-smoking information; AAPA unveils new service for supervising physicians

CMEs – Upcoming courses

Update from Physicians Insurance – Beware the literacy gap

Risk Management – Myriad ways to lose a medical license

Health Care Economics Trends Report – The return of individual insurance: will it help the uninsured?

As I See It – My experience with the Medical Quality Assurance Commission

Classifieds and Newsmakers

For more information, contact the WSMA at (800) 552-0612 or on their web site at www.wsma.org.

WSMA Reports

Source: Washington State Medical Association, February 2001

In this Issue:

WSMA delivers message about medical practices' financial stresses to Olympia

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WSMA president Auer: Practice of medicine is in danger

Newsclips – WSMA Leadership Conference in May; DOH offers teen health fact sheets; volunteers needed for WSMA health clinic; please send in your 2001 membership dues today; Providence General's CEO to retire; counsel for the Alliance replaces WSMA Alliance; "Search America" through Pointshare

CMEs – Upcoming courses

Update from Physicians Insurance – Your patient has an adverse outcome: What now?

Risk Management – Lying, atrocious manners and billing fraud get physicians in hot water

As I See It – The danger of getting what you ask for

Medication Mishaps – Seeking solutions from WSMA members

Classifieds and Newsmakers

For more information, contact the WSMA at (800) 552-0612 or on their web site at www.wsma.org.

Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, December 2000

In this Issue:

Get a handle on diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in adults; Internet-based approach streamlines the work of case managers; Shifting the focus of disease management from treatment to prevention.

For more information, contact National Health Information at (800) 597-6900, by email at nhi@nhionline.net, or on their website at www.nhionline.net.

Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, January 2001

In this Issue:

Boost quality and outcomes through patient empowerment; Prevent and treat diabetic foot disorders before complications multiply; and Curb the overuse and misuse of antibiotics during the cough and cold season.

For more information, contact National Health Information at (800) 597-6900, by email at nhi@nhionline.net, or on their website at www.nhionline.net.

Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, February 2001

In this Issue:

Extend disease management services to 'healthy' members; Preventive services: Low-tech communications strategies needed to motivate patients; Are your exercise recommendations for osteoporosis patients off-base?

For more information, contact National Health Information at (800) 597-6900, by email at nhi@nhionline.net, or on their website at www.nhionline.net.

State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, January 15, 2001

In this Issue:

Cover Story – The cost of prescription drugs and their availability to the elderly were hot topics of debate during the 2000 campaigns. A top industry executive and a consumer rights activist weigh in with their thoughts on the subject.

Highlights – Individual insurance market in WA...Smoking trends...IL men's health fair...Administration immunization initiative for low-income kids...NJ TV program on services for seniors.

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Ideas & Innovations – Delivering health services to the homeless presents major challenges. Parkland Hospital in Dallas has come up with a program that takes care to shelters and soup kitchens.

Feature Article – Unintentional injuries are the top killer of Americans between the ages of 1 and 34. Many are preventable but getting the message across to the public is a tricky business. A look at some innovative approaches.

Health talk – Incidents of domestic violence topped one million in 1998. An expert in the field discusses the problem and some potential solutions.

Vital Signs – Unintentional injuries: cause of death; leading causes; fast facts.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

State Health Notes

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, **January 29, 2001***

In this Issue:

Cover Story – Nurses in State Legislatures: Gaining an Inside Edge on Vital Health Policy Issues

Primary Care News – Mississippi is one of eight southern states to benefit from an RWJ rural health access program. A look at its multifaceted approach to solving the problems of underserved residents.

Highlights – Medicaid rules re: expansion of eligibility, upper payment loophole . . . State Medicaid coverage disparities . . . Welfare reform: national awards, MN intervention grants . . . Challenge of MA tobacco ad ban . . . Children's mental health agendas, CT, VA mental health system reforms . . . Youth violence . . . NJ suit over online Rx sales . . . RI certified nurse aide pay initiative . . . The elderly and prayer.

Tracking Trends – As “downstream risk agreements” transferring fiscal responsibility from insurers to providers become more common, states study safeguards.

Medicaid Monitor – A “cash and counseling” program in Arkansas is getting high grades from its elderly users. The goal: to deliver services in people's homes to promote greater self-sufficiency.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

State Health Notes

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, **February 12, 2001***

In this Issue:

Cover Story – Annual State of the State speeches give the nation's governors a forum in which to advance initiatives in the health policy arena. Notes hits some of the high points in early addresses to the 2001 legislative sessions.

Behavioral Health News – One in ten American children has a mental health problem, but only one in five receives treatment for it. Two recent publications expound on the challenges in improving their care.

Highlights – Medicaid patient protection regs...NC dental care grant...Physicians' time with patients...Pediatric research...KY eye care...Discount Rx programs: ME, Merck-Medco...DE cancer council...VT tobacco-free grants...AL seat belt use...MA E-vent...MI assisted living law...Disability grants...Caregiver grant.

Tracking Trends – “Seclusion and restraint” are often used to keep the mentally ill from harming themselves or others. Federal rules, state laws seek to guard against abuse of the practice.

Ideas & Innovations – Palliative care offers comfort and support for people at the end of life. A United Hospital Fund initiative is supporting six networks across NYC to coordinate care for the dying.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

State Health Notes

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, **February 26, 2001***

In this Issue:

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Cover Story – As the population gets older, the demand for health care is on the rise. Intersecting with the trend is a smaller pool of medical professionals, including home health aides and nurses. A look at strategies states are using to fix the problem.

Highlights – SCHIP momentum. . Expanded services at Blue Cross Blue Shield in CO, RI. . Racial disparities in preventive care. . Addiciton cost.

Medicaid Monitor – Pharmacists in Iowa, Mississippi and Wisconsin are wearing a new hat: that of the case manager. The goals: to improve patient care and to realize saving in Medicaid.

Feature Article – The 1998 tobacco settlement has given states the means to do meaningful tobacco control. But design complexities and costs can be strong deterrents. A look at what's involved and how states are doing.

Health Talk – Lenore Zedosky of West Virginias Department of Education discusses the central components of a school-based tobacco control program.

Vital Signs – “Best Practices”: Nine Keys to Comprehensive Tobacco control.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

Alternative Medicine

Source: Integrative Medicine Task Force, Evergreen Healthcare, December 2000

In this Issue:

Keeping up with Complementary & Alternative Medicine Resources

For more information, contact Leah Kliger at (425) 899-2644 or lkliger@evergreenhealthcare.org.

The Shiba HelpLine Flyer

Source: The Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Fall/Winter 2000

In this Issue:

Advocacy and success stories; resources; volunteer and staff news; tech notes; and more.

For more information, contact the OIC at PO Box 40256, Olympia WA 98504-0256

Conferences

Building Effective Programs: Coping with the Patchwork Quilt of Women's Health Issues

Sponsored by: Department of Health & Human Services

March 12-14, 2001, Atlanta, Georgia

Conference topics will include: Many women's health problems have significant health care utilization and cost implications; nearly one of every six women seeking health care has sustained domestic violence in the proceeding twelve months; significant disparities with respect to health care access and quality appear to exist between men and women, especially minority women, and more.

For more information, contact Carol Sadler, Health Systems Research, at (202) 828-5100.

Symposium on Diversity in the Health Professions in Honor of Herbert W. Nickens M.D.

Sponsored by: The Association of American Medical Colleges, the Institute of Medicine, and the Association of Academic Health Centers

March 16, 2001, Washington, D.C.

Conference topics will include: The key policy issues affecting racial and ethnic diversity in the health professions.

For more information call (202) 828-0417 or fax (202) 862-6160

Culturally Competent Health Care: Tools and Strategies

Sponsored by: Washington Health Foundation

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March 21, 2001, Spokane, Washington

Workshop topics will include: Learning to utilize the tools of cultural competency in their practice, through an interactive, fast-paced format.

For more information contact Cathi Lamoreux at (509) 358-7509 or by email at lamoreux@wsu.edu

Association of Health Care Journalists' Second National Conference

Sponsored by: Association of Health Care Journalists

March 22-24, 2001, Atlanta, Georgia

Conference topics will include: How to analyze and interpret medical research; how to use Geographic Information System mapping to help you reach new insights in your reporting; why alcohol advertising is a public health issue; fresh ways to write consumer health stories; what to expect from Congress and a Republican administration; what journalists need to know to report next on the fast-changing world of genetics; and much, much more.

For more information, contact the AHCJ at (612) 624-8877, email ahcj@umn.edu, or web www.ahcj.umn.edu.

Measuring and Improving the Performance of Government Health Programs

Sponsored by: The National Institute For Government Innovation

April 26-27, 2001, Washington, D.C.

Conference topics will include: Performance measurement used by federal, state, and local agencies, assessment models that combine various public health information, innovative methods to upgrade and improve your measurement outcomes.

For more information call (888) 670-8200, fax (941) 365-2507 or visit their website at www.nigi.org

Healthy Communities' Symposium 2001

Sponsored by: Washington Health Foundation

April 27, 2001, Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Seattle, Washington

For more information call (206) 285-6355

The Second Annual Symposium on Disease Management

Sponsored by: American Governance & Leadership Group

May 6, Pre-Conference Workshop, La Jolla, California

May 7-8, 2001, La Jolla, California

Conference topics will include: Successfully identifying and implementing the key strategies outlined in the Institute of Medicine Reports, especially those related to quality improvement and disease management.

For more information, call (909) 336-1586 or fax (909) 336-1567

First Annual Coastal Kids Conference

Sponsored by: National Academy for State Health Policy

May 29-31, 2001, Portland, Maine

Conference topics will include: fragmentation of children's services, seamless systems of care, collaborative delivery approaches, access to care, and much more.

For more information, contact the National Academy for State Health Policy at (207) 874-6524 or their website at www.nashp.org.

Using Policy Analysis and Research More Effectively in Decisionmaking

Sponsored by: Department of Health & Human Services

June 24-29, 2001, Rensselaerville, New York

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Conference topics will include: Learn a systematic approach for analyzing complex policy issues and apply this approach using the case study method.

For more information, contact Jill Vanderweit, Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, at (202) 292-6718.

129th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition

Sponsored by: American Public Health Association

October 21-25, 2001, Atlanta, GA

The APHA Public Health Expo is the largest and most extensive exhibition for the public health work force. Outstanding educational programming and tremendous marketing and networking opportunities are hallmarks of this meeting.

For more information, call (207) 874-6524, fax (207) 874-6527, email info@nashp.org